

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

3:12 p.m.

Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Newell. (1/11)

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2005, supported by Representative Law. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid SB 2 before the Committee.

SB 2 Jelinek Agriculture; animals; procedure used for composting of dead animals; revise.

Connie Burgess, representing Senator Jelinek, and Brad Deacon, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), reviewed the provisions of SB 2 with Committee members.

Kevin Kirk, representing the MDA, was present to answer questions for Committee members.

Dr. Dale Rozeboom, representing Michigan State University, also answered questions for the Committee.

Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB), spoke to the Committee in support of SB 2.

The Chair laid HCR 15 before the Committee.

HCR 15 Stahl A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide assistance in the effort to mitigate the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Representative Stahl spoke to the Committee regarding House Concurrent Resolution 15.

The Chair laid HR 79 before the Committee.

HR 79 Anderson A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide assistance in the effort to mitigate the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Representative Anderson spoke to the Committee regarding HR 79.

Brad Deacon, representing the MDA, spoke to the Committee in support of HCR 15 and HR 79.

Tonia Ritter, representing the MFB, submitted a card indicating support for HCR 15 and HR 79.

The Chair announced that votes would be taken on SB 2, HR 79 and HCR 15.

Representative Hune made a motion to amend SB 2, supported by Representative Casperson, as follows:

1. Amend page 1, line 2, after "**MATERIALS**" by striking out "**INTO**" and inserting "**LEADING PRIMARILY TO THE PRODUCTION OF**".
2. Amend page 6, line 7, after "**AFTER**" by striking out "**ACTIVE**".
3. Amend page 6, line 15, after "**INVOLVING**" by striking out "**ACTIVE**".
4. Amend page 6, line 22, after "**WHERE**" by striking out "**ACTIVE**".
5. Amend page 7, line 4, by striking out "**ACTIVE**".
6. Amend page 7, line 14, after "(5)" by striking out "**ACTIVE**".
7. Amend page 8, line 11, after "(c)" by striking out "**ACTIVE**".

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Proos made a motion to report SB 2 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Mayes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Sheltroun made a motion to report HR 79, supported by Representative Casperson.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Stahl made a motion to report HCR 15, supported by Representative Casperson.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Proos made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Stahl. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 3:55 p.m.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

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